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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, OVIP, RP (MURPHY, AMBASSADOR RICHARD W.)

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS

REF: MANILA 14689

1. ENRILE'S COMMENTS RE BASE NEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL) ARE EXTREMELY INTERESTING, BOTH AS TO HIS OPTIMISM THAT MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS ARE "NEARING CONCLUSION" AND HIS FORECAST OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED THEREAFTER. WE ARE REVIEWING OUR STRATEGY FOR PERIOD FOLLOWING (PRESUMABLY SUCCESSFUL) CONCLUSION OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY PHASE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR A WEEK OR SO OF CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 19 OPENING OF UNGA. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT SEPTEMBER 5 SO SUGGEST YOU PLAN ON BEING IN WASHINGTON FOR WEEK OF
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SEPTEMBER 11.

3. DO YOU BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS JUNCTURE, AND IF SO, IS SUGGESTED TIMING AGREEABLE?

4. FINALLY, DAVE NEWSOM AND I ARE VERY IMPRESSED WITH DEGREE OF COOPERATION YOUR EFFORTS WITH ENRILE HAS

ELICITED. CONGRATULATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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